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PLAN BORROWED FROM WEYLER

Is Being Used in "Assimilating" the Natives of the Philippines, a Witness Testifies.

Villages Burned in Order to Drive the Natives into the Concentration Camps. An Approver of the "Water Cure" Torture Was Before the Senate Committee Which Is Making an Inquiry.

Washington, April 21.—The senate Philippines committee today resumed the examination of witnesses in connection with the plan to assimilate the natives in the islands. Glover Flint of Cambridge, Mass., who served as first lieutenant in the Thirty-fifth infantry, testified that early in May, 1900, he had been a witness to the water cure, as administered to the natives by the Macabebes scouts, and that it was done to get information as to the whereabouts of their guns. The men of his own regiment followed the cure but their act was without the authority of their commanding officers. The Macabebes at the time referred to were not under command of a commissioned officer but under a sergeant of the United States army. Flint had been, he said, a witness to at least twenty cases of water cure. He never had seen any one die as a result of the cure but had seen a hospital corps man working on a native who had been rendered unconscious. It had also been reported to him that one Filipino died from the effects of the water cure.

Answering a question by Senator Burrows, the witness declared that the effect of the cure was immediate, the victim invariably turning in his gun or bolo and giving information as to the whereabouts of others. He said it was impossible to judge whether the victims were insurgent soldiers or peasants but they appeared to be peaceable barrios or villagers. Some of them were thrown down by force, others who were timid submitted readily, while those who resisted were simply held the more tightly. The treatment, he said, never got to the point of brutality. Replying to a question by Senator Lodge, the witness said that he had been refused a commission in the regular army because his colonel had reported him as using intoxicating liquors to excess. Flint denied that on any of the occasions when he had witnessed the water cure he was under the influence of liquor. Major Geary of his regiment was always near but had not interfered in the administration of the cure, simply assigning a commissioned officer to see that the men did not go too far. After considerable questioning, he finally admitted that he approved of the water cure. Asked regarding Filipinos in guard houses, he said they were treated exactly the same as American prisoners, except that they were supplied with food to which they were accustomed and not with the army rations. He described the burning of small vil-

lages, the idea being, he said, to drive the people to the woods or to the towns and concentrate them. "Who did the army borrow that from?" asked Senator Culberson. "I saw that in Cuba," answered the witness, "under the authority of General Weyler."

The witness was then excused and the committee went into executive session. The committee in executive session refused to call Edward Atkinson of Boston as a witness but directed that subpoenas be issued for a number of sergeants and privates who were witnesses of the water cure.

The matter of calling Sixto Lopez, Mabini and Aguinaldo was left for future determination. The committee then adjourned until Tuesday, April 29, on which day General McArthur will again be heard.

Senator Lodge laid before the committee a report by A. Lester Hazlett, who was sent to the Philippines by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Columbus, Wis., to investigate the moral conditions existing in the Philippines and also alleged violations of the anti-liquor law, showing the moral conditions in the islands are better than ever before since American occupation and there was no violation of the anti-liquor law.

BRITISH ESTIMATE OF US

NO DANGER OF MULE SHIPMENTS BEING STOPPED.

General Stewart Says the Almighty Dollar Rules in America and Will Continue to Do So.

UNDERWOOD NOT DESIRED

AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES BY THE DEMOCRATS.

His Denial While Littlefield Was Raking the Republicans Was Not Good Politics.

(Special to The Post.) Washington, April 21.—A movement is on foot among the democratic members of the house which has for its object the removal of Underwood of Alabama from the committee on rules. This is an account of the break made by him last Friday, when he denied that he had "charged" that republicans had attempted to trade negative votes on the Crumpacker resolution for affirmative votes on the reciprocity bill. At the time Littlefield, a republican, was bitterly arraigning his own party for its action in the premises and there was no reason on earth why Underwood should have said a word, but he made the statement referred to notwithstanding the protests of his democratic colleagues and the result was that Littlefield was thus given a chance to say the republicans were purged of all suspicion by the statement. The denial was purely technical. Underwood had told the caucus of the Crumpacker trade, but had not "charged" the opposition with trying to make it. The power of appointing committee members rests entirely with the speaker and he may see fit to deny a petition for Underwood's removal, even though it be signed by every member of the minority, which is not likely to be the case.

FUNSTON TALKS TOO MUCH

ROOSEVELT IS DISPOSED TO GIVE HIM A REPRIMAND.

Recent Garrulity of the Kansan Has Been Particularly Obnoxious to the Commander in Chief.

STATE OF WASHINGTON MAY SUE

Supreme Court Grants Leave to File Bill for an Injunction.

Washington, April 21.—The United States supreme court today granted leave to the state of Washington to file an original bill for an injunction against the Great Northern railroad, Northern Pacific railroad and the Northern Securities company in accordance with the petition of that state recently filed in the court. The opinion in the case was delivered by Chief Justice Fuller, who stated that the court had already exercised the utmost care in its proceedings in original cases and that the present decision to grant leave to file was intended to be entirely without prejudice to either party at interest.

COURT MARTIAL ORDERED

THE CHARGE IS CONDUCT PREJUDICIAL TO GOOD ORDER.

Ten Prominent Officers Compose the Court and Colonel Chas. A. Woodruff Will Conduct the Defense.

HOT WAVE SPREADING

Increased Damage to Vegetation of All Kinds Will Doubtless Result.

Chicago, April 21.—Chicago is feeling the effects of the hot wave that developed in the West yesterday. The thermometer at 6 o'clock registered 67 degrees. Hottel, however, for a great portion of the Central West is expected soon. Salt Lake, Utah, April 21.—Snevada, Wyoming, Idaho and Southern Montana and parts of Utah and Colorado are experiencing a more storm that at some points had taken on the proportions of a blizzard. High winds and low temperatures are reported from many points. Omaha, Neb., April 21.—The temperature at 8 o'clock tonight was a trifle cooler than yesterday at the same time, but the heat is still oppressive and quite unreasonable. St. Joseph, Mo., April 21.—The hot wave which struck this city yesterday continues. Kansas City, April 21.—The hot south winds that swept over the better part of Kansas yesterday prevailed again today and no reports of rain have been received at the local weather bureau. Increased damage to vegetation of all kinds will doubtless result. The temperature ranged from 91 to 96 degrees above at the shade yesterday and today there was a repetition of this weather.

GUFFEY'S BROTHER DEAD.

William E. Guffey, Brother of Colonel J. M. Guffey, Dead.

MISS DANNEY BADLY HURT.

Was Thrown from a Buggy While Driving at San Antonio.

DR. TALMAGE'S WILL.

Disposes of an Estate Valued at More Than \$300,000.

WILHELMINA'S CONDITION.

"Course of the Queen's Malady Calls for No Special Observation."

A Revival at Brownwood.

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The Crook Sailed.

San Francisco, April 21.—The transport Crook sailed for the Philippines with 600 men of the artillery and a number of passengers.

FAVORABLE REPORT ORDERED

On Nominations of Waller Burns and J. W. Ownby.

FAIR WILL BE POSTPONED.

Appropriation Will Be Made on that Action.

NOMINATIONS.

Washington, April 21.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate: Navy—Captain Joseph R. Cochran to be rear admiral; Captain James H. Spauld to be rear admiral; Assistant Surgeon William M. Gordon, first assistant surgeon; Howard Steyn, Pennsylvania, assistant surgeon; Gunner Joseph R. Wards to be chief gunner.

RATHBONE RELEASED.

The Former Director of Cuban Posts Set at Liberty.

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SHIP CHANNEL ITEM

Has Been Changed to the Form in Which Committee Had It.

BALL WAS VERY PLAIN.

Preferred That It Be Omitted If There Was to Be No Change.

IT HAS YET TO GO TO CONFERENCE.

Probable that It Will Not Be Altered by that Committee.

OTHER TEXAS ITEMS WERE AMENDED.

Galveston Inner Harbor Project Is to Begin at the End of the Inner Bar, It Is Said.

(Special to The Post.)

Washington, April 21.—The rivers and harbors bill passed the senate this afternoon. Among the amendments adopted prior to its passage were the restoring the Buffalo bayou ship channel item to the shape in which it was originally decided on by the committee of commerce, in which it was provided that \$200,000 of the total appropriation should be expended on the first section from the jetties at Galveston to Morgan Point, and \$400,000 of the second section from Morgan Point to Harrisburg. While this leaves the item in exactly the same condition it was in before the dual change was made in the committee, by which the whole of the appropriation was to be expended on the completion of section no. three, there are good grounds for the belief that the entire matter will be arranged by the conference committee in a manner that will be satisfactory to all legitimate interests concerned.

The desire of the members of the Texas delegation is simply to see that a channel of uniform depth and width is constructed from the jetties to Harrisburg. It may be that the cost will be divided as proposed in the amendment today, and it may be otherwise. This is a matter for the conference to decide. If the division provided for in the senate bill be thought to be the proper one, it will be allowed to remain. If a half and half division is thought to be right, the appropriation will be so divided. In other words, the construction of a channel of equal depth and width over both the sections will be provided for and if the work on one section costs more than on the other the appropriation will be so arranged.

Senator Burton attempted to meddle with the matter again this morning before the bill was taken up, but when he discovered that the friends of the project preferred to strike out the item altogether rather than to allow the town company and the senate to divide its terms, he decided not to make anything like a determined fight. The point is made by the Texans that if Senator Burton and members of the town bill company have sufficient "pull" to be able to arrange the distribution of the bayou's appropriation according to their preferences they might also have sufficient influence to stop the work at Morgan Point when it reached there.

Senators Eyer and Hanna are said to be friendly to Burton's plan, but as the result is as to the reasons underlying the latter's contention, as well as the animus of the town lot company's position in the matter, will be made before the conference committee if necessary, there are the best of reasons for the belief that the ultimate result will be satisfactory to those who really wish to see the ship channel completed up to a point where it will benefit the great commerce of the Southwest.

Mr. Ball made the following statement regarding the matter: "Senators Culberson, Bailey and myself conferred this morning before the bill was taken up. The two senators were unwilling to allow the amendment to the house bill reported by the conference committee to stand as it would exhaust the entire appropriation on aviation one. On the other hand, they did not wish to take action that might result to the prejudice of the item in conference. I assured them that our people would prefer to have the item stricken out altogether than passed in such a shape. Afterwards they demanded a change in the item and succeeded in securing a limitation of \$500,000 upon division two. This action prevents any possibility of further contention as to recognition of division two from Morgan Point to Harrisburg, and leaves only a question of detail to be settled in conference.

"My only wish is to have provided a uniform depth all the way to Harrisburg, and the conference, I am assured, will see that the item as finally passed will accomplish this purpose. Our people are indebted to the two senators for their stand and personally I am under renewed obligations to them."

The bill was also amended to provide for the beginning of the proposed improvement of Galveston harbor at the outer edge of the inner bar instead of at Twenty-sixth street.

At the instance of Senator Culberson a bill has also been changed so as to provide covering back into the treasury of money heretofore appropriated for the improvement of Cypress bayou.

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